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General.

Report regarding the excision of the Oriya area from the Madras Presidency.

* 138 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report of Messrs. C. L. Philip and A. C. Duff on the proposed excision of the Oriya area of the Ganjam district from the Madras Presidency has been referred to the Government of Madras for opinion ;

(b) whether any opinion has been expressed by the Madras Government ; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to place the correspondence on the table ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The correspondence cannot be placed on the table without the sanction of the Government of India.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), will the Government be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Government of India for publishing the report ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" We shall communicate to the Government of India the wishes of the hon. Members of this House as expressed in this question."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to clause (b), may I know when the report was received by the Government of Madras, when the Government of Madras expressed their opinion, and may I have some idea of the opinion expressed by the Madras Government ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" The answer to the last branch of the question is in the negative ; the first two branches of the question will be answered if the hon. Member repeats his question."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" When did this Government receive the letter from the Government of India ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I shall be glad to inform the hon. Member and if he so desires this hon. Council as to the date of the receipt of the communication, and the date of the reply. But as to the contents of the reply, as it has already been adverted to here, it is confidential and obviously no tentative idea of what it is can be given to this House."

Irrigation.

Condition of the Periyar water in Satur hills.

* 139 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a portion of Periyar water in Satur hills, Ramnad district, is stagnant ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any investigation as to the possibility of bringing this water to the plains of Srivilliputtur and Sattur taluks ?